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SUBJECT : IVP NOMINATIONS - JUSTIFICATIONS

DACCA HERewith SUBMITS FOUR NOMINEES FOR 30 DAY IVP GRANTS AS PART OF THE CU FY 76 ALLOTMENT. THE EMBASSY HAS DELAYED SENDING THESE NAMES WITH THE HOPE THERE WOULD; BE ANNOUNCEMENTS OF SPECIFIC BICENTENNIAL MULTI-REGIONAL PROGRAMS WHICH WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO THE CANDIDATES IN THEIR ACADEMIC PROFESSIONS. IN LIEU OF SUCH GROUP PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES, THE EMBASSY NOW ASKS THE DEPARTMENT TO PROGRAM THE CANDIDATES INDIVIDUALLY ACCORDING TO THEIR INTERESTS. PART 2 OF THE NOMINATING PROCESS WILL FOLLOW UPON RECEIPT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PROGRAM FACILITIES. THE CANDIDATES ARE:

1. WADUDUR RAHMAN, 55, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY, DACCA UNIVERSITY, CURRENTLY DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS; SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY 1974-75. M.A. OXFORD UNIVERSITY 1959. PROFESSOR RAHMAN IS A RESPECTED SENIOR PROFESSOR OF DACCA UNIVERSITY WITH CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE IN ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND CURRICULUM PLANNING. HIS ROLE AS ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND FORMER HISTORY DEPARTMENT HEAD MAKES HIS VISIT TO THE U.S. DURING THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR AN APPROPRIATE ONE, AND ONE WHICH WILL LEND STRONG SUPPORT TO THE POST'S PROJECT TO PROMOTE THE CREATION OF AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAMS AT LOCAL UNIVERSITIES.

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PROFESSOR RAHMAN HAS NEVER VISITED THE U.S.A.; HE WILL

BE FREE TO TRAVEL FROM MID-APRIL THROUGH JUNE.

2. DR. TALUKDER MANIRUZZAMAN - 28, PROFESSOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, DACCA UNIVERSITY. PH.D. FROM QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, ONTARIO, 1966. WAS OFFERED CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP IN 1970 BY THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, BUT COULD NOT ACCEPT BECAUSE HE WAS CHOSEN TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE PAKISTAN UNGA DELEGATION. HOWEVER, WHILE IN THE U.S. AT THAT TIME, HE APPEARED AS GUEST SPEAKER AT HARVARD, COLGATE, AND DUKE UNIVERSITIES. DR. MANIRUZZAMAN WRITES EXTENSIVELY AND HAS HAD MANY ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN ACADEMIC MAGAZINES OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE. HIS OBSERVATION OF THE COMING AMERICAN ELECTIONS WILL BE PARTICULARLY RELEVANT TO HIS PROFESSIONAL INTEREST AND WILL BE REFLECTED IN HIS TEACHING. A TWO-WAY CULTURAL EXCHANGE DIMENSION TO THIS GRANT COULD BE ADDED BY ASKING THE CANDIDATE TO LECTURE AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES WHILE ON TOUR.

HE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR TRAVEL FROM MID-APRIL THROUGH JUNE.

3. DR. (MRS) SUFIA AHMED, 44, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ISLAMIC HISTORY AND CULTURE, DACCA UNIVERSITY. PH.D. IN MODERN INDIAN HISTORY AT LONDON UNIVERSITY IN 1960. SHE IS AN OUTSTANDING BANGLADESHI SCHOLAR, POPULAR EDUCATOR, AND IS ACTIVE IN WOMEN'S AFFAIRS. THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES MAKE DR. SUFIA AN EXCELLENT IVP CANDIDATE, SERVING MORE THAN ONE MISSION GOAL. WHILE IN THE U.S. SHE WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE CONTACTS WITH VARIOUS SCHOOLS HAVING ACTIVE ISLAMIC DEPARTMENTS, VISIT THE OUTSTANDING ISLAMIC ART DISPLAYS CURRENTLY ON SHOW, CONTACT WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION AND OBSERVE APPROPRIATE BICENTENNIAL PROGRAMS.

DR. SUFIA CAN TRAVEL DURING MAY AND JUNE.

4. KHONDAKAR A. QUAMRUDDIN, 47, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND CHAIRMAN, DEPARTMENT OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF DACCA, DIRECTOR OF THE BANGLADESH INSTITUTE OF LAW AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. LL.M. LONDON UNIVERSITY, 1966.

AS HEAD OF DACCA'S SCHOOL OF LAW, MR QUAMRUDDIN WILL
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BE AN EXCELLENT INTERPRETER OF THE AMERICAN SCENE AND LEGAL SYSTEM. IN HIS ROLE AS HEAD OF THE BANGLADESH INSTITUTE OF LAW AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, HE HAS COOPERATED CLOSELY WITH THE MISSION'S PROGRAM OF PRESENTING LECTURES BY AMERICAN PROFESSORS OF HISTORY, SCIENCE, AND POLITICAL SCIENCE. THIS FIRST VISIT OF HIS TO THE U.S. WILL GIVE HIM IMPORTANT VIEWS OF BICENTENNIAL U.S.A. AND HOPEFULLY WILL CONTRIBUTE TO USEFUL CONTACTS BETWEEN HIS ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT AND AMERICAN

COUNTERPARTS.

HE WILL BE ABLE TO TRAVEL IN MAY AND JUNE.

5. THE EMBASSY HOPES THE SUGGESTED TRAVEL TIMES GIVEN FOR THE ABOVE CANDIDATES CAN BE ACCEPTED SINCE THEY ARE ALL UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS AND THEIR ACADEMIC HOLIDAYS ARE IN THE MONTHS OF MAY QJD JUNE. NATURALLY IT IS OUR PREFERENCE THAT THEIR ARRIVAL IN THE U.S. WILL BE EARLY ENOUGH TO CATCH AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES STILL IN SESSION.

6. PLEASE SEND YOUR EARLIEST ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THESE NOMINATIONS AND DATES SO THAT THE INVOLVED BDG PROCESS NECESSARY FOR DEPARTURE PERMISSION CAN BE INITIATED. ALL CANDIDATES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR VISAS.

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